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MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF, STAFF I

SUBJECT: War Planning Council

REFERENCE: Secret DADPC memo for all Staff and Division Chiefs, dtd 25 Jan 1961, subject War Planning

1. Referenced memorandum establishes a deadline by which divisional war plans will be submitted to you for consolidation and directs that, thereafter, Staffs II and III will consolidate, refine and finalize the phased estimates of requirements based upon the undertakings planned for.

2. Although this consolidated war plan is the necessary basis for firm, final estimates, it is urgently necessary for OPC to give JSPD certain interim estimates of support requirements in major fields of activity before overall final estimates can be compiled. It is particularly imperative that estimates of support required from the Department of Defense in the following fields be computed on a coordinated interim basis as a matter of urgency:

- a. Air Support
- b. Naval support
- c. Ground support
- d. Stockpiling of critical and essential materiel at strategic locations throughout the world for current, projected, and wartime use.

3. The problem of developing an overall air support plan has already been referred to you for solution through the utilization of an adhoc committee. Immediate action to complete planning in the remaining fields cited, which are of prime importance and immediate urgency, is essential.

4. It is felt that the immediate solution of these residual problems could most expeditiously be effectuated on an overall and coordinated basis and with due regard to long range planning through the use of a planning council constituted for the purpose of identifying and isolating such problems

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and recommending to me action proposed to effect their expeditious solution.

5. It is considered that such a council should meet under your chairmanship and should consist, in addition, of either the Chief of each staff and division or his war planner.

6. I would appreciate your views and recommendations in this regard. If you agree that the constitution of such a planning council would be desirable and expedient, in the light of the facts above cited, I would ask that you prepare for my signature a memorandum designed to activate and instruct such a council for the purpose outlined.

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